

PEMBROKE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the Year 1944:-

S T A T I S T I C S

Estimated Population 5,419

Description	Male	Female	Rates per Thousand	Rates for whole of England & Wales
Live Births (Legitimate)	45	53	Birth Rate - 19.75	17.6.
(Illegitimate)	2	7		
(Total)	47	60		
Still Births (Legitimate)	3	4	Rate - 1.29	0.50
(Illegitimate)	-	-		
Deaths Total	30	37	Death Rate - 12.36	11.6
Deaths of Infants under 1 year Legitimate	2	2	Rate(all live births).46.73	46
Illegitimate	1	-		

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE AREA

Causes of Death	Male	Female
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis	-	1
Influenza	1	1
Cancer	3	2
Diabetes	-	1
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	2	2
Heart Disease	6	7
Other Circulatory Diseases	-	1
Bronchitis	3	3
Pneumonia	2	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	-	1
Diseases of Digestive System	-	1
Nephritis	1	3
Puerperal Uraemia	-	1
Congenital Malformation; Birth Injuries...	1	1
Suicide	2	-
Road Traffic Accidents	2	1
Other Violent Causes	-	1
All other Causes	6	10
TOTAL	30	37

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Acute Pneumonia	.....	1
Whooping Cough	.....	29
Measles	.....	33
Scarlet Fever	.....	3
Ophthalmic Moenatorum	.....	2
No cases of Diptheria occurred in the area during the Year.		

Arrangements for the disinfection of rooms and bedding were made by your Sanitary Inspector when necessary. The County Isolation Hospital is able to admit all cases which it is thought advisable to isolate and treat away from home. The Sanitary Inspector is notified immediately a patient is admitted to this Hospital, so that disinfection of the home can be carried out at once.

TUBERCULOSIS

Five new cases were notified, and there were three deaths during the year. One death occurred in a case not previously notified.

Arrangements for Hospital treatment are made by the Welsh National Memorial Association, and there has been no long delay in the admission of patients.

Reports on environmental conditions have been made, as before, by your Sanitary Inspector, for the Tuberculosis After-Care Committee of the County Council. This Committee is also responsible for the working of the scheme for allowances to dependents of tuberculous patients.

Immunisation against Diptheria.

The number of children who completed the course during the year was :-

Age under 5 years	-	25
Age 5 - 15 years	-	2

This brings the estimated percentage of children to 78.68% under 5 years, and 83.9% aged 5 - 15 years.

The arrangement, by which parents may take their children to the Doctor of their own choice for free immunisation, is still in force, but far too few people take advantage of it. Efforts are made by the District Nurses and Teachers to persuade parents to have their children immunised; but while a very small proportion refuses, a fairly large proportion fails to make the effort to attend at their Doctor's surgery.

VENEREL DISEASE.

Arrangements for treatment, and for the following-up of contacts and defaulters are made by the County Council.

The Care of Premature Infants and Illegitimate Children.

The County Council is responsible for this work.

DISINFESTATION

Arrangements were made, in conjunction with the County Council, for the disinfestation of persons and of their clothing and bedding in our camp in the area.

WATER

During the year under review, satisfactory water supplies both as regards quality and quantity have been maintained.

The main piped supplies are taken from two sources.

- (a). The Carew-Manorbier supply from the Pembroke Borough supply at Milton Carew. This water is chlorinated and results of analysis taken from stand pipes in this area state that "This water is excellent".
- (b). Tenby-Out-Liberty piped supply is obtained from the Narberth R.D. Council's Main, the source of which is Precelly. This water is also treated and results of analysis have up to date been entirely satisfactory.

Practically all the water in this area has a high degree of hardness. In all cases where there are piped supplies, the water is carried in Cast Iron Mains. Services from the mains to stand pipes and houses are made with galvanized iron pipe and fittings. As there are no cases where the water is liable to Plumbo Solvent Action, no action has been deemed necessary.

Action has been taken in cases of Wells being polluted by surface water during exceptionally heavy rain and snow falls. Steps were immediately taken to prevent contamination and the wells were thoroughly cleaned out and made safe.

Particulars of the proportion of Dwelling houses and the proportion of the population supplied from Public Water Mains:-

(a) Direct to the houses 20%

(b) By means of Stand pipes 55%

There is, especially during the Summer months, an increasing number of applications for services direct to the houses.

Schemes for the improvement and extension of piped supplies throughout the Area have been put forward and when carried out the greater part of the district will be well supplied.

REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

(Mr. H.B. Edwards, M.R.S.I.).

HOUSING

Number of informal Notices served for repairs etc., to dwelling houses ---- 14.

Result - All Notices complied with.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Number of inspections, chiefly in connection with Nuisances, Infectious Disease, Water Supplies -- 308

FOOD. BAKEHOUSES ETC

Number of Inspections - 93

Number of instances in which food was condemned as unfit for human consumption - 38

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Dorothy M Rees,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

